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RICH BANKER FLED, BUT SOON CAUGHT

President of the California
Trust Company Arrested.

BAGGED SPEEDING SOUTH

Attorney Heney Charges Felony and
and Embezzlement.

OFFICERS LEFT BANK A WRECK

Depositors' Committee Finds Evidence of Fraud and Criminal
Recklessness.

SAN FRANCISCO, December 9.—David I. Walker, president of the California Safe Deposit and Trust Company, was found speeding south on a Southern Pacific train last night, when he was supposed to be at his San Mateo home. He was placed under arrest and taken from the train at Santa Barbara on instructions of Assistant District Attorney Francis J. Heney.

Shortly after the arrest of Bankers Brown and Barnett last night, detectives were hurried to San Mateo to keep David I. Walker, president of the bank, under surveillance, but finding he had already left his home, trailed him down to Santa Barbara, where he was held by the police authorities.

Nearly Stole Away.

Though no warrant had been sworn out for Walker, it was thought best to keep him in sight. The detectives, on reaching San Mateo, continued the house where he was supposed to be lying ill, but heard that a man answering Walker's description had been seen boarding a train for the south. A busy investigation proved that their man had flown, but work was sent down the line, and the police at Santa Barbara took him in charge. Heney stated that Walker be held.

Through the activity of the depositors' committee of the defunct California Safe Deposit and Trust Company the developments of yesterday were made possible in a few hours after the real work of criminal prosecution began.

The depositors determined Saturday to proceed immediately with the investigation of the affairs of the Fillmore street branch of the California Safe Deposit and Trust Company, looking toward the arrest of the officers of the company. Thereupon Gustave Chevasus, accountant of the Fillmore street branch, was examined at considerable length and his examination continued.

Carnival of Lending.

The testimony of Feller Gabbs of the same branch was taken, and the committee brought to light a startling series of reckless transactions which the attorneys brand as misdemeanors and embezzlements. According to a statement issued last night by the committee and the attorneys, the officers of the bank took practically all the money deposited at the Fillmore street branch and loaned it to stockholders in large sums, to themselves and to mythical companies. It was intended to cause the arrest of the officers for these acts, but upon advice of Francis J. Heney, the minor charges were dropped for the time being, in connection with the misappropriation of the funds of the Colton estate.

Other Officers Held.

As a result of the committee's work J. D. Brown was arrested last night, a warrant was issued for the arrest of Walter J. Barnett on charges of felony and embezzlement, and a detective was dispatched to San Mateo, to the home of David I. Walker, president of the bank, and to keep him under surveillance until the committee gave the officer further instructions.

The departure of Brown led to his subsequent capture and arrest at Santa Barbara. W. J. Barnett was arrested at his home in Mariposa county last night, and was held in custody until today, when he was arrested earlier in the day in this city, was locked up in jail.

Barnett Pleads Innocence.

W. J. Barnett, who was arrested yesterday on charges growing out of the failure of the California Safe Deposit and Trust Company, is vice president and general attorney of the Western Pacific Railway. Mr. Barnett yesterday telegraphed his resignation to President Jeffrey of the Western Pacific, and of his own volition withdrew from the office of vice president and general attorney.

"I shall also resign as special administrator of the Colton estate," Mr. Barnett said, "not that I am guilty of the charges which have been made against me, but because there is a conflict between the interests of the company and the Colton estate. I cannot be placed in a dual position. As to the Colton estate, all I have to say is that I have not sold or hypothecated them as innocent of any wrong. The bank has \$1,500,000 on call and \$2,500,000 in notes, some of them sold to the company. It is estimated—and it has \$500,000 cash. In thirty days, if the stockholders will help us, we will have \$200,000 in cash."

"It would be unwise to have a receiver appointed at this time. It would be against the interests of the depositors. If a receiver was appointed today and dumped these valuable securities on the market it would mean disaster."

TRUST COVERED ITS TRACKS.

Evidence of Underhand Dealing in the Tobacco Suit.

NEW YORK, December 9.—The Queen City Company of Cincinnati, Ohio, was organized with the funds of the American Tobacco Company and by Charles C. Dula, one of the vice presidents of the tobacco company, and the consolidation of the two companies was kept a secret, according to Mr. Dula's evidence given in the government's action to dissolve the company. The consolidation was testified that he arranged the organization of the Queen City company with a man supposed to be a representative of the American Tobacco Company.

MAY WORK THE MINES

Goldfield Operators to Fight
the Western Federation.

IMPORT STRIKEBREAKERS

There Are About 1,000 Men Ready
to Resume.

TROUBLE IS FULLY EXPECTED

Soldiers Are Now Distributed So as
to Afford the Utmost Protection Possible.

GOLDFIELD, Nev., December 9.—An authoritative statement was made last night that sufficient men are already on the ground to work the mines, beginning Wednesday.

The total number of those who have been quietly brought in and those who have secretly made application to return to their former positions is placed at 1,000. There are about 1,500 Western Federation men out. The men who are to take the places of the strikers are not to be housed at the mines, but will be scattered through the camp, and protection for each individual will be guaranteed by the Mine Owners' Association.

Two propositions have positively been decided on; the making of an open camp for all and the early lowering of the wage scale. At the same time the Mine Owners' Association is going to begin a vigorous crusade to lower the cost of living in Goldfield.

Look for Trouble.

The scope of the Mine Owners' Association is to be greatly enlarged by the organization of the Nevada Mine Owners' Association, of which Goldfield Mine Owners Association will be a part. The new organization is already well under way. The announcement of the determination to open the mines on Wednesday is to be made tomorrow at noon by the Goldfield Mine Owners Association, and it is expected that some trouble may ensue.

Capt. William Cox, the representative of Gov. Sparks in Goldfield, stated yesterday that he had information from the Mine Owners' Association that an attempt will be made during the week to reopen the mines here with non-union men.

Will Start Pumping.

This information has been communicated to the governor, and is in the hands of Col. Alfred Reynolds, commanding the federal troops now camped in this city. Officials of the Mine Owners' Association refuse to say positively that such is the case, but every indication points to the fact that Wednesday next has been fixed as the day when the attempt will be made to put men in the mines to pump out the water that is fast filling the lower levels.

There are now nine companies of troops here, the second detachment from Monterey having gone into permanent camp on Combination Hill, within 300 yards of the site of the Goldfield Consolidated Company. The first detachment, which came from San Francisco, remains in the camp established in the northwestern part of the city, a mile and a half from the nearest mine.

Seized 100 Guns.

Col. Reynolds, commanding all of the troops here, is quartered in a tent in the first camp and will remain there. He refuses to say whether he will detail soldiers to patrol the mines when the attempt is made to reopen, but merely states that the troops are here to preserve order, and that they are prepared to handle the situation under surveillance.

Capt. Sage of the Consolidated Mines Company's detective patrol, reported last night that he had seized 100 rifles that had been hidden, presumably by union miners, within a short distance of Goldfield.

This is presumed to be a part of the cache of arms and ammunition which the miners are represented to have collected during the last few days.

Only brief dispatches from Gen. Funston, commanding the Department of California, regarding the troops at Goldfield, have reached the War Department. They simply say that Col. Reynolds reports his arrival with the troops at Goldfield, and that Gen. Funston is awaiting the commanding officer's report, which is requested to make promptly. These dispatches have been laid before the president by whose direction the soldiers were ordered sent to the disturbed district.

MARRIED DAUGHTER-IN-LAW.

Former Member of Congress Takes
in Widow and Five Children.

SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE STAR.
BENTONVILLE, Ark., December 9.—Col. Samuel W. Peel, one of the wealthiest citizens in the state, married his daughter-in-law, the widow of his deceased son, who is the mother of five children. He is seventy-six years of age and a paralytic, and his bride some years under forty.

Col. Peel represented this district in Congress from 1885 to 1893.

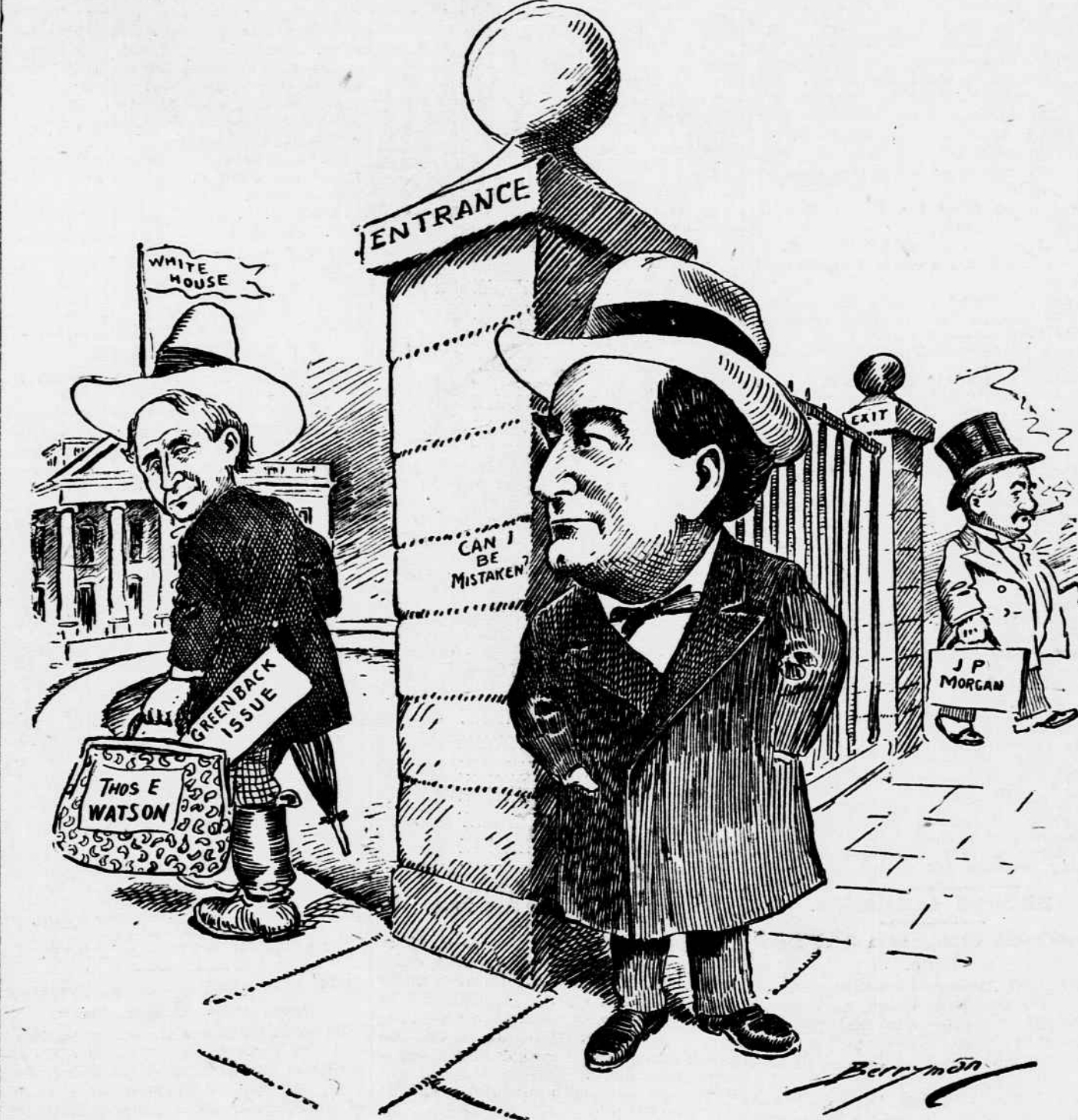
KAISER WELL RESTED.

Back in London for a Three-Day Sojourn.

LONDON, December 9.—Emperor William of Germany, who has completed his "rest cure" at Highgate Castle, arrived in London today for three days of light-sojourn. He lunched with King Edward at Buckingham Palace at noon, and later took up his residence at the German embassy, where he will stay until Wednesday. The emperor looks to be in splendid health.

Portuguese Elections.

LISBON, December 9.—The opposition and monarchist parties have decided to issue independent manifestos replying to the strictures upon previous administrations and attacking the dictatorship of Premier Franco.



WHITE HOUSE CALLERS.

WARSHIPS IN WAITING

GATHERING OF SEA FIGHTERS
IN HAMPTON ROADS.

Special Dispatch to The Star.

NORFOLK, Va., December 9.—Rear Admiral Evans arrived at Fort Monroe from the National capital this morning and boarded his flagship, the Connecticut, which had preceded him to the Hampton roads rendezvous.

Mrs. Evans came with the admiral. All but two of the fleet are now lying at anchor off Fort Monroe, forming one of the most beautiful sights ever witnessed in this section. The ships at anchor are the flagship Connecticut, the Kansas, Vermont, Missouri, Rhode Island, Maine, Louisiana, Virginia, Georgia, New Jersey, Ohio, Illinois, Alabama and Keokuk, together with the tender auxiliary Yankton.

The last of these vessels to arrive was the Maine, which passed Cape Henry at 3:30 a.m. today, and proceeding to Hampton roads, dropped anchor with the other battleships of Old Point two hours later.

Minnesota Sails.

NEW YORK, December 9.—The battleship Minnesota, the last of the fighting craft fitting out at the Brooklyn navy yard for the Pacific cruise, got away this morning at 9:30 o'clock. There was the regulation salute in her honor as she swung out into the East river and slowly gathered headway on the first part of her long voyage.

She was in command of Capt. Hubbard today, but on the cruise will be the flagship of the third division of the Atlantic fleet, which means that she will have Rear Admiral Thomas aboard, and will fly the regulation blue flag with the two white stars at her masthead.

The smallest craft which will take part in the Pacific cruise are still left at the yard, the Culgoza, a store ship, and the auxiliary vessels, which are scheduled to sail Wednesday.

Arethusa Sails.

There were scenes of great activity in Hampton roads today in connection with final work for the departure of the fleet next Monday. The crews of many of the battleships were engaged filling the bunkers of their vessels with "picked" coal sent on barges from the Norfolk navy yard, while others were engaged in loading supplemental magazine stores sent from the St. Juliens magazine here. These included hundreds of tons of projectiles and other explosives not taken on at the naval stations at which the respective vessels were fitted out.

The United States supply ship Arethusa, which has been fitted out here as a supply ship for the second flotilla of torpedo boat destroyers, composing the Whipple, Truxton, Henshaw, Stewart, and Laffey, sailed from the navy yard today, proceeding to Lambert's Point, where she will take on bunker coal preparatory to the final start for Trinidad, where she will, between December 15 and 21, join the torpedo flotilla.

New Barges for Bay Service.

The new barge, Duke built for bay service, will go into commission at Baltimore in a day or two, and will load coal. The barge was launched about two weeks ago at an Elkhart, Md., shipyard and was named after Mr. W. B. Duke of Baltimore. The new vessel is 175 feet long on the keel and thirty feet beam, and will carry a cargo of about 1,300 tons. The vessel is owned by Capt. William Henderson of Philadelphia and W. B. Duke, W. B. Dicks and W. D. Wathen of Baltimore.

The new barge Severn was launched at a Sharptown, Md., shipyard a week ago, and work on her is being pushed to get her in service as soon as possible. The vessel, which is owned by the P. Dougherty Company of Baltimore, is a modern craft, and is to be fitted with modern equipment. She is 200 feet long on the keel, thirteen feet deep in the hold, thirty-five feet beam, and will have a carrying capacity of about 1,700 tons. The Severn is one of the largest barges afloat, and will bring cargoes of hard coal here.

Smithsonian Regents Reappointed.

Speaker Cannon announced today in the House the reappointment of Representatives Dalzell of Pennsylvania, Mann of Illinois and Howard of Georgia as regents of the Smithsonian Institution. The Vice President today announced the appointment of Senators Cullom and Bacon regents of the institution to fill vacancies.

SENATOR GALLINGER.

His State Likely to Send Him Again
to the Senate.

Rumors of a movement to prevent Senator Gallinger of New Hampshire, chairman of the committee on the District of Columbia, from returning to the Senate at the end of his present term are considered as of no importance by friends of the Gallinger in this city. George W. Miles of Concord, editor of the Evening Monitor and a staunch supporter of the senator, is in the city this week, and denies that New Hampshire will fail to return Mr. Gallinger.

After remarking that Mr. Gallinger will probably head the state's delegation to the republican national convention next June, Mr. Miles said: "While Senator Gallinger has already had the unprecedented honor of three successive terms in the Senate, the republicans of his state realize that he has secured for them an unprecedented prestige in the national legislature. He stands now eighth in seniority in the Senate, I think, and it will not be New Hampshire's fault if he does not reach No. 1 before his service ends."

PRESIDENTIAL NOMINATIONS.

Selections Sent to the Senate for Consideration.

The President today sent to the Senate the following nominations: To be envoy extraordinary and minister plenipotentiary to Nicaragua and Costa Rica: William L. Murray of California. To be an interstate commerce commissioner: Charles A. Prouty of Vermont.

Commissionary, with rank of captain, to be commissary with rank of major: Arthur M. Edwards. To be assistant attorney general: John Q. Thompson of Kansas.

To be United States marshal for the district of New Hampshire: Eugene P. Nute of New Hampshire.

CHOSEN BY CULBERSON.

Minority Members of the Senate Committee on Committees.

Senator Culbertson of Texas, the democratic leader in the Senate, has announced the minority membership of the committee on committees and the committee to prepare rules of procedure for minority conferences, as follows:

Committee on committees.—Messrs. Money, chairman; Bacon, Martin, Tillman, Clarke, Stone, Simmons, Newlands and Culbertson.

Committee to prepare rules of procedure for minority conferences.—Messrs. Clarke, chairman; Daniel and Tallaferro.

THE HOUSE COMMITTEES.

Announcement of Membership May Be Made Next Monday.

The committees of the House will probably be announced next Monday. Most of them are made up and could be announced now, but from matters in connection with the list which are yet in doubt none of the committees will be announced until all are in shape, which, it is expected, will not be before next week.

TO SUCCEED MR. BARNEY.

Lewis M. Miller to Be Clerk of House District Committee.

Lewis M. Miller of Lansing, Mich., for twenty years clerk of the house of representatives of that state, will be the next clerk of the House District of Columbia committee, to succeed Harry W. Barney of Wisconsin, who occupied the position for a number of years. Representative Samuel W. Smith of Michigan, who will be the next chairman of the committee, today announced that he had recommended Mr. Miller for the position, and that in his opinion no better man could possibly be secured.

MRS. TAFT IN DANGER

NEARLY SHIPWRECKED WHILE
JOINING HER HUSBAND.

ON BOARD THE STEAMER PRESIDENT GRANT in the English Channel, December 9 (by wireless telegraph to London).—Mrs. Taft, wife of the American Secretary of War, joined her husband on board this steamer early this morning at Boulogne. On the trip out on a harbor tender the party had an exceedingly narrow escape from wreck and disaster.

Mrs. Taft, Mrs. George Post Wheeler, wife of the second secretary of the American embassy at Tokyo, and the other passengers for the President Grant boarded the tender Holland last night within the harbor works of Boulogne. Very heavy seas were running outside and this delayed the departure of the tender, but at half-past 11 this morning, it being supposed that the President Grant was inside the breakwater, the Holland started out to take the passengers alongside. Soon after leaving it was discovered that the President Grant had not come in.

Nearly a Shipwreck.

The Holland was caught in the heavy seas. A giant wave broke her rudder and the small tender drifted helplessly in the darkness. She was tossed about on the waves like a cork, and rolled almost on her beam ends. There was danger of capsizing or of being dashed upon the rocks. The passengers were thrown about in every direction. Mrs. Taft and Mrs. Wheeler were crouching in the captain's cabin when some fixtures about them came down with a crash. Fortunately they were not injured. Near the light-house the Holland managed to get a grip with an anchor and this improved the situation. Repairs were hurriedly effected. The President Grant came in at 3 o'clock, and the passengers from the tender were transferred without further incident.

Good Wishes of France.

Among those who came off on the Holland were M. Rischmann, subprefect of Boulogne, who greeted Secretary Taft in the name of France.

Secretary Taft made an appropriate reply, expressing his deep appreciation of the consideration of the French government and regretting that the change of plans had made it necessary for him to abandon his proposed visit to Paris.

The subprefect also expressed his regret at the ill-timed start of the Holland. The President Grant is eight hours behind her schedule because of the storm. After taking on the Boulogne passengers the steamer sailed for Plymouth.

CONSUL IS BLAMELESS.

Result of Inquiry Into Complaint Against Mason Mitchell.

Inquiry made by the Department of State into the complaint by H. Dementi, an American citizen, traveling in China, against Mr. Mason Mitchell, United States consul at Chungking, has satisfied the officials that the consul is blameless in that matter. It appears that in defiance of Mr. Mitchell's warning Dementi persisted in trying to enter Tibet, and when he had become involved in trouble with the Chinese which threatened his life, as the result of his shooting a Chinaman, he was only saved by the action of Consul Mitchell in claiming jurisdiction over the case, and having him removed from the custody of the local Chinese authorities to the United States district court at Shanghai. Incident to the removal, Dementi suffered such hardships as might be expected to follow an arrest in China, but it is asserted that the consul acted properly in this matter.

DATA ON DRAINAGE.

Senate Calls on Secretary Wilson for Information.

The Senate today adopted a resolution offered by Senator Lattimer directing the Secretary of Agriculture to submit to the Senate a report on drainage, to include the locations and areas of land in the United States that are swamped and overflowed and susceptible of being drained and made fit for agriculture, the effect of such drainage on the public health in claiming jurisdiction over the area of land that has been drained under the laws of the different states, together with the benefits that have resulted from the drainage, and a review of drainage laws and policies of the leading agricultural countries of Europe.

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The St. Louis Postmaster.

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The trains were the Atlantic express from Chicago, due here at 7:30 o'clock, and the second section of the Montreal express, due at 7:30 o'clock. The Montreal express had taken the siding to let the other train pass and, owing to fog, which obscured the signals, the Atlantic express "sideswiped" it. The locomotive of the second train, in charge of Engineer Osborne, struck the other train at the baggage cars and the shock forced two of her cars off the track. The passenger cars were not damaged, and beyond receiving a shaking up, no one was hurt.

The wreck blocked the main line and the siding for about two hours.

Director Smith Confirmed.

The Senate in executive session today confirmed the nomination of George Otis Smith of Skowhegan, Me., to be director of the United States geological survey. The nominations of nearly sixty postmasters were confirmed.

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